

W-01427A-09-0120  
W-01427A-09-0116  
W-01427A-09-0104  
SW-01428A-09-0103

ORIGINAL



0000122273

Sent:  
To:  
Subject:

, Michael K Civ. USAF AETC 56 CES/CEPD-1 [Michael.K.Civ.USAFAETC56CES@us.af.mil]  
Friday, January 28, 2011 8:36 AM  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web  
Liberty water rate increase

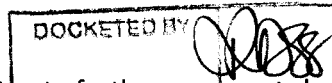
DOCKETED

RECEIVED

JAN 28 2011

2011 JAN 28 A 9:37

Dear ACC:



AZ CORP COMMISSION  
DOCKET CONTROL

I was stunned to hear that you agreed to listen to further arguments by Liberty Water to increase rates on the citizens even further than the unbelievable increase you already granted. Is there such a thing as double-jeopardy for the citizens? At what point does business and elected officials calculate the human impact of decisions such as 120% fee/tax increases or more? If you think water has been the only increase the common hard working woman and man have dealt with recently, let me inform you. Water, refuse, hoa fees (2 increases recently approx 40% & another threat of yet another increase if water goes up again), taxes, etc. are all through the roof.

Reading about such proceedings as this in the news is like a nightmare with an anti-community plot to it as the country comes begging to town. How can elected officials and administrative judges actually consider and approve such increases for basic necessities such as water on the people they serve and then say they care during these tough economic times for those struggling on main street? What does our future hold if the majority of our income goes toward fees and taxes. You strip the common woman and man from their independence and ability to build community to pass the good earth on to the next generation of hard workers with hope. Your recent decision to increase rates as you did along with yet more proceedings are creating despair!

I have put two children through ASU and I still have one at U of A so I sport the bumper sticker that all of my kids and money go to Arizona colleges. I am aging and my health is failing and I am struggling as many other families are to make ends meet and prepare for retirement with what I thought was a 401K but my financial advisor recently informed me that it is more like a 201K or less now. We are actually considering leaving our community that we have worked hard to be there as a result of the astronomical cost of living increases and the impact these increases are having on our ability to plan for the future. Others have walked already with perhaps more considering flight over more risk and despair. Our hoa is now passing on home owner hoa tax delinquencies on to the hard workers trying to survive and keep their homes. This fact came the same time as your water rate increase in December. This is all the result, in part, of tax increases of 120% or more. Communities will fail and you won't have much to decide upon in the future as people flee. College students have an ole saying when asked what are their bill paying priorities? They reply, "Cable, electric and then water because we can live without water for several weeks or more." Will society be thinking this way with \$80 to \$100 low-end basic water bills not to mention what family rates will be?

You are all in positions to represent the people. Companies such as Liberty have been getting their fair share and they need to step-up and share the burden just as the people are if Liberty is sharing a burden at all. I wonder. I feel in this water rate increase issue the people are already paying their fair share after the Dec 1, 2010 increase and Liberty needs to be told to pick up their ball and go home as to me they are acting like kids in a candy store with you allowing them to continue to act out for more chocolate. Let's give the new rates time to sink in on a struggling society and the water company to see where things go. Just as a new company like Liberty had to operate for a said time period before they could request an increase through the ACC to show just cause and justify their increases. These back-to-back hearings have the smell of greed all over them and any further consideration of rate increases without the facts of the recent increases to me would be outlandish leaning toward corrupt.

Request your full consideration and representation of the people, to consider us, and to turn down this appeal by Liberty for further rate increases. Please make a sound and just decision based upon the facts separate from the Liberty emotions and unethical proceeding outbursts we saw from liberty representation in the last hearings. Be the government officials that truly help community and vote no to the increases.

Respectfully,

Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

'The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'-Ronald Reagan